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In re Application of: FREDERICK MILLER ET AL

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Title: A VIDEO SIGNAL COMPENSATOR FOR COMPENSATING DIFFERENTIAL PICTURE BRIGHNESS OF AN OPTICAL IMAGE DUE TO UNEVEN ILLUMINATION AND METHOD

Assistant Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231

## PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Prior to its examination, please amend the above-identified continuing application as follows:

## IN THE SPECIFICATION

Please amend the specification, as follows:

Replace the title with: --MEDICAL IMAGING INSTRUMENTS, SYSTEMS AND METHODS--.

A/ Page 1, before the first line, insert the paragraph: --This application is a continuation-in-part of pending application number 09/228,773, filed January 11, 1999, which is a division of application number 08/791,637, filed January 31, 1997, now abandoned.--

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